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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: The Polish Trade Discussion

1. The presentation on 1 March 1957 was given by Dr. Iwashkiewicz on the condition of Polish agriculture. The presentation seemed completely realistic in its evaluation of Polish agriculture and differed in no significant respect from the intelligence information on this sector of the Polish economy which has been furnished by ORR. The limited success of the agricultural program to date was clearly spelled out, its achievements neither overstated nor understated. The principal problems facing Polish agriculture were itemized and again not subjected to any understatement or overstatement of fact. To a large degree the Polish agricultural reform outlined for 1957 through 1960 bears some considerable resemblance to the Soviet Plan announced in 1953 which had been followed in most of the European Satellites although not in Poland.

2. Dr. Iwashkiewicz was neutral to somewhat bullish on the prospects for Polish agriculture during the Plan period. His presentation was replete with statistics and detailed outlines of courses of action all of which are being prepared in a detailed economic report covering the meeting.

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3. I thought that I detected a much less enthusiastic and cordial outlook on the part of the Polish delegation today than has been in evidence in the past. They were polite but in a rather formal way. They seemed anxious to get on with the negotiations although not unwilling in any way to reply to questions raised.

4. The next meeting will take place on 4 March and will consist of Polish replies to a series of additional questions on agriculture and Polish industrial development as it relates to the loan request.

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